

By the Mayor.

To every Minister within the City of London, Liberties, Line of
Communication, and Bills of Mortality,

THe extraordinary blessing of God upon the Forces under the Command of Sir *William Waller*, & Sir *William Belfour*, against the Army led by Sir *Ralph Hopton*, for the destruction of the Parliament, this City and Kingdome, in a Battail neere *Winchester*, yesterday being Fryday, the 29 of *March* instant, which continued from eight a clocke in the morning untill night, wherein the enemy was absolutely routed, and pursued many miles with good execution, being signified unto mee by the most Honourable Committee of both Kingdoms, requires a more solemne *Thanksgiving* then upon so short warning can bee performed; especially considering that this mercy hath been beyond expectation cast in from heaven into our bosomes so soon after our late Fasting and humiliation, after that sad blow about *Newark*; I do heartily (according to the order of the said Committee of both Kingdoms,) desire & require you to morrow, being the *Lords Day*, to give notice of this goodnesse, to your Congregation, using your best endeavours to quicken them to the highest pitch of thankfulnesse to the God of our Mercies, and to engage their hearts and hands yet further, To helpe the Lord against the Mighty, with their prayers and all others, helpes of Money, Armes, Horse, Men, or other provisions for the instant, making up and supplying of a body of Horse and Foot to go out and follow the enemy, to prevent the rallying of his men, or raising of new Forces to doe further mischief, that God may give a speedy end to the present Calamities, and restore a stable Peace in this afflicted Nation, to the comfort of all Gods people in all the Kingdomes.

And what God shall move the hearts of men to subscribe and contribute, or what men they shall send out or maintaine, to this most necessary service, not onely my selfe, but the Committee of the Militia, do make it our joynt request that you, with some others well affected, would set down in writing, and return upon Monday morning next without faile, to the Committee of the Militia at *Guildhall*. Dated this 30 of *March*, Anno Dom. 1644.

John Wollaston, Mayor.

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